

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office

March 22, 1999 LB 495

it really wasn't appropriate as a funding source for ongoing programs. Again, Senator Stuhr may be able to point to things that we've done in prior years and say, well, Senator Wickersham,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...you aren't being consistent, didn't you vote for this or didn't you vote for that, and I think she's taking notes already. She's probably ready to do that. But, in this instance, I'm certainly not able to support that effort, not only because I think it is hazardous to fund ongoing programs out of the lottery fund, and this would mean that we had very little dollars left that were not committed to specific projects, but I also do have some apprehension about the effect on the remaining grant program and believe that we do have a real objective that we should keep in providing competitive grant funds for schools to enhance their operations. Those short-term grants, I think, do draw schools to improve and to enhance educational opportunities. I would not want to see funding for that particular kind of program...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...decline in the fund where it is not significant enough to attract attention at the schools.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, priority motion. Senator Chambers would move to bracket the bill until January 15 of 2000.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your motion to bracket.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, had not there been an attempt to use these wicked, tainted, vicious lottery funds for an education program, I would have listened to the discussion of what is being attempted here on its merits, funding the kind of program that's involved. This reminds me of the situation of Judas Iscariot. He was the one who was doomed from the beginning to betray Jesus. So in order